

IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 25, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report Pursuant to**  
**Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

**May 19, 2011**

**IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

**001-34620**  
(Commission file number)

**04-3404176**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**301 Binney Street**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**02142**  
(Zip code)

**(617) 621-7722**

(Registrant's telephone number,

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including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 19, 2011, Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Ironwood ) entered into a Commercial Supply Agreement (the Supply Agreement ) with PolyPeptide Laboratories, Inc. and Polypeptide Laboratories (SWEDEN) AB (together, PPL ). Pursuant to the terms of the Supply Agreement and subject to certain conditions and limits, PPL agrees to manufacture and supply to Ironwood, and Ironwood agrees to purchase from PPL, a portion of the linaclotide active pharmaceutical ingredient ( API ) that will be used to obtain regulatory approval of linaclotide in countries other than the United States, Canada and/or Mexico ( Rest of World Territory ), and, pending any such approval, that will be incorporated into finished product for commercialization in the Rest of World Territory. Ironwood s purchase price for the linaclotide API under the Supply Agreement will be volume-based. PPL will manufacture the linaclotide API at its facilities in Torrance, California and Malmo, Sweden.

The initial term of the Supply Agreement ends on the fifth anniversary of the date that linaclotide is first sold in the Rest of World Territory. The initial term is subject to automatic three-year renewals until either PPL or Ironwood provides the other with twenty-four months prior written notice of its intent to terminate. Further, Ironwood may terminate the Supply Agreement upon prior written notice if linaclotide does not obtain regulatory approval in the Rest of World Territory in which Ironwood seeks such approval or in the event that the manufacture or commercial sale of linaclotide is discontinued in the Rest of World Territory in which regulatory approval had been previously obtained.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Dated: May 25, 2011

By:	/s/ Halley E. Gilbert	
Name:		Halley E. Gilbert
Title:		Vice President & General Counsel